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*Via Facsimile*  
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Attorney General Todd Hembree  
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Re: September 5, 2014 Pigeon Shoot

Dear Attorney General Hembree:

It is with trepidation that I send this letter demanding a criminal investigation of our Principal Chief Bill John Baker. However, I will not stand idle or remain silent after watching the brutal and horrific killing of a thousand pigeons for pure pleasure and entertainment.

As you know the senior United States Senator from Oklahoma, James Inhofe held a 1,000 bird live pigeon shoot, as part of a fund raising event on September 5, 2014, at the Quartz Mountain Lodge in Lonewolf, Oklahoma. On September 26, 2014, during the Cherokee Nation Finance Sub Committee Meeting, the donations to Inhofe were mentioned, including this event. It was fully acknowledged that Chief Baker participated in the pigeon shoot. Cherokee Nation Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin, Jr. said Cherokee Nation Businesses donated the \$2,500.00 to Inhofe so Chief Baker could attend.

At the pigeon shoot, the killing center is a wide area, encircling this area were large bales of hay where the shooting stations were located. Near by there were spectators' seats and a Mariachi band playing. As the music played, workers threw the birds into the air, so they can be shot. There were a number of shooters at each station, and when the birds were thrown, a volley of gunshots would blast from whatever direction the bird flew. This horrific slaughter was committed to raise funds for Senator Inhofe's re-election.

A SHARK investigator videotaped Chief Baker's participation, during normal working hours, in this event and his vehicle. Chief Baker was wearing a Cherokee Nation shirt and a beaded necklace that he recently wore at a Cherokee Nation event. You can read the SHARK story and watch the video footage here <http://www.sharkonline.org/> - this will give more details.

The dead and the dying birds littered the killing field, both during and after the shooting. Some were wounded and managed to escape, but will suffer until they die in the immediate future. Wild animals may eat these remains and could also be injured and suffer as a result of ingesting the buckshot; thereby passing on the carnage. It was obvious many of these birds were not feral because they were banded. Some appeared to be domesticated. At the end of the shoot, the both the dead and wounded birds, which could not escape, were placed in garbage bags.

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Upon review of Cherokee Nation Code, Title 21, section 1685 it appears our Principal Chief has violated our "injury to animals" law. Section 1685 provides:

Any person who shall willfully or maliciously overdrive, overload, torture, destroy or kill, or cruelly beat or injure, maim or mutilate, any animal in subjugation or captivity, whether wild or tame, and whether belonging to himself or to another, deprive any such animal of necessary food, drink or shelter; or who shall cause procure or permit any such animal to be so overdriven, overloaded, tortured, destroyed or killed, or cruelly beaten or injured, maimed or mutilated, or deprived of necessary food, drink or shelter; or who shall willfully set on foot, instigate, engage in, or in any way further any act of cruelty to any animal, or any act tending to produce such cruelty, shall be guilty of a crime.

Both you, as the Attorney General, and Chief Baker took an oath to uphold and abide by the Constitution and laws of the Cherokee Nation. Moreover, Human Resource regulations, no doubt, require Cherokee Nation employees to obey Cherokee Nation law, while they are working in their official capacity, no matter where they are performing their work.

As such, I demand an immediate investigation into the conduct of Principal Chief Bill John Baker at this political fund raising event. Furthermore, since there is ample evidence of your dilatory conduct in performance of your duties, specifically with reference to generating, indexing, and publishing our Cherokee Nation Code, I would also request you appoint an impartial special prosecutor, or, even better yet, a grand jury to view and hear the evidence to determine if charges should be filed.

Very truly yours,



Michael E. Moore, Esq.

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